## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-15 and 17-22 are pending in the present application; claims 1-3, 6, 8-15, 17 and 18 have been amended; claims 5 and 16 have been canceled; and claims 19-22 have been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 3, 8, 9 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Kim; and claims 2, 4, 7 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kim in view of Quick Jr.

Regarding the rejection of the claims, the Office Action indicates the word "end" is defined as either extremity of something that has length and cites the American Heritage College Dictionary (see the beginning of page 3, for example). In light of this indication, the independent claims have been amended to clarify that the end portion of the divided text message is a last portion of the divided text message  For example, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that for a first divided text message among the divided text messages, the connection information is inserted into only a last portion of the first divided text message. These features are shown in Figure 2A, for example, in which for a first divided text message among the divided text messages, the connection information x1 is inserted into

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only a last portion of the first divided text message. Independent claims 6, 11, 13 and 19 include similar features in a varying scope.

As noted in the previously filed response, the primary reference Kim only teaches generating a header including a long message ID and sequence information (see step S218 in Figure 2, for example). That is, in step S218, the controller 100 controls the header generator 130 to generate a SMS header for each segment and short message (see col. 3, lines 57-62, for example). The SMS header is at the beginning of each segment. Kim does not teach or suggest inserting connection information into only a last portion of the first divided text message as in claim 1. Similar comments apply to the other independent claims. It is respectfully submitted the secondary references cited in the Office Action also do not each or suggest the claimed features.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 1, 6, 11, 13 and 19 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable and the rejections noted in the Office Action have been overcome.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the

application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the

undersigned attorney, **David A. Bilodeau**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is

hereby made.  Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607

and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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